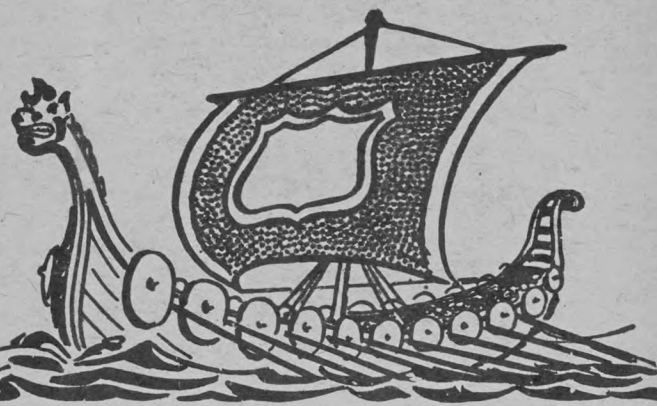




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## SCANDINAVIAN DAY JULY 14th

WELCOME

TO

VASA PARK

Members of Skandia Lodge No. 549, Vasa Order of America are pleased that the Scandinavian Centre has accepted our invitation to stage their Annual Scandinavian Day and Picnic at Vasa Park on Pigeon Lake.

This area can be reached from the north by travelling south on Highway 2, turn right onto Highway 39 through Calmar and Thors-

by, 13 miles south to Vasa Park sign. Turn right. Those living in the Camrose area would take Highway 19, turn at Ma-Me-O Beach and follow through to Mulhurst, turn left and continue to Vasa Park sign.

Coffee and snacks will be available at the Clubhouse for those who do not wish to carry their picnic lunch. Parking will be supervised

and one way traffic will be in use within the Park grounds. If you have a favorite folding chair take it along. Visitors will be able to obtain any required information during the day from Vasa Members who will wear ribbon markers. We would like to see as many as possible in their National Costumes as many shutterbugs will be out. Here is hoping you will have a fine day on July 14.

This year Scandinavian Day festivities are to be held at the beautiful Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake.

A big 'thank you' to the members of Vasa Lodge for their invitation.

The Vasa Park is located approximately 55 miles southwest of Edmonton on the north shore of Pigeon Lake. Many members of the lodge have their cottages there and it is a very efficiently planned community with the flavour of Scandinavia. The centre of activities is the recreation centre and ball park as is the Scandinavian tradition.

Activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the fastball tournament, then the queen contest and entertainment at 1:00 p.m., followed by ball games, a horse shoe tournament and tug-of-war contest.

The queen contest will be the highlight of the day, with a surprise trip to the winner and a prize to the runner-up. The judging is based on beauty, poise, talent and achievement. Miss Rita Salomaa will crown the new queen with her well wishes and speak of her experiences as queen. Following this there will be entertainment by Scandinavians, with master of ceremonies, Mr. Harv Haugen.

The horse shoe tournament is one of the popular contests and I urge you to get into shape to attempt to dethrone last year's champs, L. Laukkanen and E. Karoonen from Hollow Lake who have shown their ability in the two previous tournaments by winning two years in a row. On the fastball tournament the Danish team is the one to prepare for as they were the winners last year. There will be games and contests for the children and to finish off the day a tug-of-war will test the male brute strength in the true Viking style.

The ladies committee of Vasa Lodge will have coffee, soft drinks and hot dogs available at the recreation centre.

This is a picnic that provides something for everyone so let's fill up those picnic baskets and get out to make it the most successful picnic to date. To show our appreciation to the hosts let's fill up their park as never before.

ESKO SALO,  
Chairman,  
Scandinavian Day Committee.

### DIRECTORS SHOW CONCERN FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS

June 10th 1968

The Honorable Paul Hellyer,  
Minister of Transport,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are very disturbed, and strongly resent the charter flight regulations imposed by the Air Transport Commission, and particularly the new regulations that became effective May 15th, 1968.

We feel that it is the function of government to encourage free competitive enterprise, and oppose monopolistic tendencies.

But first, let me give you a brief history of our organization - The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited, known commonly as The Scandinavian Centre. Our organization was incorporated under the provisions of "The Co-operative Associations Act," April 28th, 1954. The purchase of a share for \$50.00 constitutes a life membership in our organization. We have over 3,000 members.

The purposes of our organization are threefold:

- 1) To provide a community centre with a Scandinavian flavour, and more particularly, to provide a home and meeting place for the five Scandinavian groups - Danish, Icelandic, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.
- 2) To assist Scandinavians of Western Canada to make a contribution of that which is good in their background and culture to an emerging Canadianism.
- 3) To provide a fitting memorial to the Scandinavian pioneers of Western Canada.

After ten years of planning and raising money, we were able to open the first social unit of the

Scandinavian Centre on June 20th, 1964.

We early recognized the value of low-cost chartered flights to our membership. I am sure you, Sir, recognize the cultural value of travel, and the value of maintaining good relations with all countries of the world. Our charter flight program has enabled many of our Canadian citizens to better understand Scandinavia, and Scandinavians in turn have come to understand us better. The agricultural exchange program in Alberta has been an outgrowth of our chartered flight program. I believe, Sir, you will readily agree that our chartered flight program has been a great aid in fulfilling purpose number two as outlined above.

Our first chartered flight took place in June of 1962. Altogether, we have organized 25 chartered flights and provided low-cost fares for over 2,000 of our members and their families. We want to continue this program and extend these benefits to our membership. Your new regulations will make it almost impossible.

The 40-Mile Limit will exclude many of our members who have supported our project over the years. Take for example, the cities of Wetaskiwin and Camrose, and the town of Viking - all centres of Scandinavian population - will be excluded because of the 40-Mile Limit. Wetaskiwin is 45 miles away, Camrose 65 miles and Viking about 90 miles distance from Edmonton. Furthermore, we have many members who have moved to other parts of the North American Continent. Many of them have contributed generously to the building of the Scandinavian Centre. A good example is the number of share-holders who have been

moved with the construction industry to Prince George, B.C. Why should we say to them now, "Sorry, we liked your money, but we can't let you travel on our charter flights." This regulation alone would make it very difficult to fill an aircraft. We could not, and would not bear the financial risk involved because, as you know, we must pay the same price for the plane whether it is filled or not.

Concerning your regulation that a commission can be paid only to a travel agent, in the past we have never used a travel agent because we have always had a number of qualified people in our group who are perfectly capable of organizing a charter flight. As there is considerable work and effort involved in the promotion and organization of a flight Directors of the Scandinavian Centre have long been of the opinion that the commission should be paid to the Centre and used for the improvement and building of the Centres facilities.

Coupled with the above, you propose to allow only a \$5.00 markup on the price of a fare. Our expenses for organizing a flight far exceed this mark-up.

Supposing the fare is \$300.00 and we were short ten passengers, this would mean a loss of \$3,000.00. There is no way our organization can offset this loss except by receiving the commission or a greater mark-up or both.

We, the undersigned Board of Directors of The Scandinavian Centre plead with you, Sir, to liberalize the regulations to permit us to continue our chartered flight program in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. A. Sorenson.

### TIVOLI GARDEN IN COPENHAGEN CELEBRATES 125th

celebrates its 125th anniversary

What's the best known landmark in Denmark? Is it Hamlet's Castle at Elsinore? Is it Hans Christian Andersen's tiny home in Odense, the Fairytale capital of the world? Is it the Little Mermaid in the harbor of Copenhagen? If Denmark's millions of visitors from all over the world had their say, the No. 1 choice in the popularity contest would not doubt be Tivoli Gardens. From near or far east and west - everybody will say there is no place in the world like Tivoli. Its flower, its music, its restaurants, its peace and its beauty, its fun and its joy of life.

This summer Tivoli celebrates its 125th anniversary. It will be more exciting than ever. An entirely new open air stage has been built with many details, even fittings for fireworks and launching-pad of the witch on Midsummer Eve, a roof that slides away and stage elevator big enough to carry an elephant!

The jubilee season sets its mark everywhere. Even a special new jubilee tulip has been created as

part of the delightful flower decorations. Of special anniversary arrangements should be mentioned the ones that take place each Monday throughout the season on the open air stage, varying from the Royal Danish Ballet to Hawaiian and Polynesian shows, jazz and illumination by candle light. World famous symphony orchestras and some of the world's best performers will appear in the concert hall, and so will the biggest attractions of the last decade in Tivoli Variety which celebrates its own 10th anniversary this year.

On Midsummer Eve a jubilee ballet will have its premiere on the Pantomime Theatre and on the jubilee day itself, August 15th, the world's greatest soprano, Birgit Nilsen, will sing in the concert hall and a balloon ascent will take place from the gardens.

Tivoli expects a big happy season. But through it all Tivoli will still remain itself: a charming happy and refreshing oasis in the heart of busy Copenhagen.



## WARDAIR DEFENDS CHARTER FLIGHTS

the "cream" of the travel business, says Maxwell Ward, president of Wardair Canada Ltd.

Reacting to a statement by J. W. Pickersgill, president of the Canadian Transport Commission, that Wardair had been suspended for 19 days during April because the CTC could not allow some airlines the "cream" of the business, Mr. Ward said, "Some cream!"

In a submission to the transport commission, Wardair said their total annual passenger traffic volume was "well below the average annual increase experienced in recent years by Air Canada and CPA."

### NEW FLIERS

The submission showed Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Airlines had increased their traffic by approximately 79,000 passengers in 1967, almost three times the total of 28,000 passengers carried by Wardair.

Wardair also pointed out that most if its passengers either do not or only infrequently use scheduled carriers.

On 118 Wardair flights in 1967, 38 per cent of the passengers had never flown before on a commercial line and 61 per cent had never flown off the continent of North America before.

The prospect of Wardair making inroads into traffic of the traditional trans-Atlantic carriers is slight, Wardair said. In fact, the airline says, charter flights create traffic to the benefit of scheduled carriers.

During the past four years, the two principal carriers have reduced service or vacated the charter market in favor of higher yields in scheduled service operations, the Wardair statement said.

### ECONOMICS

"If the main line scheduled carriers are to be permitted to enter or leave the international charter field at will . . . then the stability and economic health of this seg-

ment of the Canadian aviation industry will be most seriously and adversely affected."

Looking again at Wardair's share of the trans-Atlantic market, the statement said the line carried seven per cent of traffic carried by the two major lines. Revenues from charter flights, represented one per cent of Air Canada's 1967 revenue.

### LOW YIELD

The statement said Wardair realized revenue per trip equivalent of less than a 40 per cent load factor when computed a scheduled airline fares. This is considering the fact that charter fares are half scheduled airline fares, and that a load factor of 80 per cent is maximum because of empty positioning flights at the beginning and end of each season.

"The yield from charter flights is very low and we question if, by increasing their activities in the charter market, the scheduled carriers will not simply create an over capacity without the benefit of additional net revenues," Wardair said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gust Modin and Mr. and Mrs. George Modin spent a Sunday at Bruce. Ronald Erickson of Bruce was a week-end visitor of the Modin and Pearson families and took in the Scandia Picnic at Pigeon Lake.

The North-Western Utilities Co. is laying gas lines for the installation of natural gas to several of our member's farm and village homes.

Jean Babiak has finished her schooling at the McTavish Business College and accepted a position with the Alberta Government Telephones.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Lunde are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their first grandchild, a girl. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klatt of Edmonton.

Belated congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Don Melin on the arrival of their chosen daughter.

We hope all "Dads" had a Happy Father's Day.

## FINNISH SOCIETY



A sincere thank you to the Finnish Society for the flowers I received while in hospital recently.

—Airi Langeste.

A 'Welcome to Edmonton is extended to Mrs. Elsa Aholainen of Pernaja, Finland, who arrived here on June 10th, 1968 to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Langeste and family. We hope that Mrs. Aholainen will enjoy her two months in Canada. Tervetulo!

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rama motored to Ottawa, Ont., where they are going to make their new residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Niilo Koivuneva returned to Finland recently after visiting their son, John Koivuneva, and family in Calgary, formerly of Edmonton.

Sincere thanks for the recent donation of \$13.00 to the Finnish Society of Edmonton.

—Executive, Finnish Society.

Happy holiday wishes are extended to Mrs. Kammonen, Mrs. Laukanen and Mrs. Mikkila who were on board the recent Scandinavian Centre Flight No. 23, to spend holidays in Finland.

Do you know of a pretty young girl of Finnish background who would like to take part in the coming annual Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest, representing Finnish Society? If so, call Paul Karvonen at 455-5570.

Among the recent graduates at the Spring Convocation of University of Alberta in Edmonton were: Clarence Rama — Bachelor of Commerce, George Heikkinen — Bachelor of Commerce, Raymond Tupala — Bachelor of Commerce, Ilkka Tervonen — Bachelor of Arts and Mabel Niemela — Bachelor of Law. Congratulations to all.

University award winners with first class standing prizes in Arts — Honors program included Edward Pasanen of Thorhild, who also received the MacEachran Gold Medal in Philosophy. Congratulations.

Welcome wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Olavi Paavola of Turku, Finland, who are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leino, and Tina. It is hoped that their stay here will be a pleasant one. Tervetulo!

Welcome wishes are also extended to Maiju Niinimäki of Laihia, Finland who is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Veikko Kujala, and family. We hope that she enjoys her holidays here. Tervetulo!

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Raimo Sundstrom on the birth of their daughter on June 8th, 1968.

## Unitarians Hear Talk On Icelandic Heritage

On Sunday June 16th, the sermon at the Unitarian Church in Edmonton was entitled "Our Icelandic Heritage". Dr. Marino Kristjanson gave a ten minute discourse and covered a thousand years of Icelandic history. It is interesting to note that Christianity was adopted as the official religion of the land by an act of parliament. In nearly all other countries, Christianity was established by force.

Following Dr. Kristjanson's talk, the Saga Singers of Edmonton sang three Icelandic songs, O fogur er vor fosterjord, Tap og fjor and Fosturlandsins Freyja.

Reverend Robert Wrigley then talked on Icelandic immigration to North America and their part in establishing Unitarianism in Western Canada.

Icelandic poetry by Stefan G. Stephanson and Christjan N. Juluis was read, first in Icelandic by Dr. Kristjanson and then Mr. Wrigley read the English translations.

Icelandic music was provided by Dr. Jon Thorhallson, formerly of Iceland, and included music by the Savana Trio (Icelandic Folk Songs) MA Quartet and the Fjortan Fostbraedur.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Eklund attended the graduation exercises in Leduc for their son Grant, and Warren Pearson's graduating exercises in Calmar, were attended by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson entertained with a dinner for their family and several friends on the occasion of the Confirmation of their daughter, Janet.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wold were Mr. and Mrs. W. Modin; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pierre, Leona Vogel of Edmonton and Mr. Bob Dickson of Brooks.

Victor and Raymond Wold spent the long May week-end at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Wold and helped fight the fire which threatened their family farm home.

Wee Tracy Lee received many beautiful and useful gifts when relatives and friends gathered one Sunday at the home of her proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Gunsch.

Eric Kvarnberg enjoyed a short holiday at Nelson, B.C., visiting his sister, Elsie, and brother-in-law, Orland Simmons.

Tillie and Charlie Erickson enjoyed a visit from Tillie's cousin Alvin Orvik and his wife, Selma, of Lakota, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlson of Kelowna, B.C. renewed acquaintances in the district. We were glad to see Frank feeling better after having been on the sick list earlier this spring. Jurdis Nacuk is home from the Glenrose Hospital. She has thrown away her crutches and is getting around with the help of a cane. We're glad to report that Bernard Johnson who injured himself in a fall didn't suffer too many ill effects.

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## BUFORD NEWS

Gladys and Percy Sandstrom and Bill and Edna Pederson enjoyed a week's holiday to Creston and Fairmount Hot Springs in B.C.

Many thanks say the members who attended Falun's Wiener roast on June 8. They enjoyed the evening immensely. Our Lodge plans to hold a wiener roast, dance and social at Willow Creek on July 12th. We expect brothers and sisters from the Falun, Scandia and meeting Creek Lodges.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lunde flew to Chicago, Illinois, to attend the wedding of one of Erlings' nieces.

Our Lodge was well represented at Scandia's annual picnic on June 2nd at Pigeon Lake. We got in on some of the prizes — Glen Pearson (Pillow fight) Darlene Moberg (Rolling Pin), Avis Pearson (nail pound-in), and Clair Pearson and Floyd Modin (the Horse Shoe Tournament). Thanks Scandia for a well-planned and most enjoyable day.

A recent visitor at the home of Bertha and Anthon Falk was Bertha's nephew, Wayne McLennan, from Canmore, Alberta.

Tillie and Emil Kvarnberg welcomed their grandson Jim Kvarnberg home from Washington, D.C., where he is attending college. Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kvarnberg, had a family get-together for Jim at the Kvarnberg cottage at Pigeon Lake.

Hilda Modin was sorry to learn that her sister, Florence Erickson, (of Scandia Lodge) was a patient in the University Hospital. Get-well wishes are wished you, Florence, from your many relatives & friends of Buford Vasa Lodge No. 577.

Frank Erickson has started his summer job as weed inspector for the County of Leduc.



## ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell attended the wedding of a niece, Vicky Alice Palsson, of Lake Cowichan on Vancouver Island. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Palsson was married to Mr. George Feather, and following the ceremony left for Ottawa where Mr. Feather is studying for his master's degree. We offer congratulations and best wishes.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fishburne received the names of Tracy Lorraine at a christening service held in Holy Trinity Church recently. The Rev. Dr. Leadbeater conducted the ceremony, the god-parents being Elaine Fishburne, Lorraine Gislason, and Gordon Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Don. Florence left by motor on a well-deserved holiday to the west coast. They will be the guests of Mrs. Florence's brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Babs Smith, recently transferred to White Rock from their home in Montreal. They will visit a sister in Vancouver, and then continue on to Vancouver Island, up-coast to Kelsey Bay, taking the luxury steamer to Prince Rupert, and enjoying the balmy Pacific breezes along the scenic islands dotting the B.C. coastline.

Miss Marian Arnason will spend the month of July at Pioneer Ranch Camp, Rocky Mountain House in company with many other vacationers gathered together under the sponsorship of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada. This is an international organization, working in High Schools, Colleges, and Universities across Canada, and offering many outdoor sports to enliven the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. Jon Thorhallson entertained a relative from Iceland for a week's enjoyable visit. Bergthora Vigfusdottir, originally from Reykjavik, is now the Bureau Manager for the Icelandic Airlines, and is stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Arriving by air, she joined her friends in a motor trip which took them to Jasper, south to Banff and Vancouver and back through the majestic Rocky mountain highways, always an impressive tourist attraction.

We regret to report that Mrs. F. Fishburne has been hospitalized in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. We wish her speedy and complete recovery from the serious major surgery.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Danielson of Winnipeg will rejoice to hear of the invitation from Iceland to them for a month's holiday in the land of his birth, which he left in 1894. This is in recognition for the efforts of many years in fostering the language and culture of Iceland. We join their many well-wishers in congratulations and best wishes for a happy home-coming. Mrs. Danielson is Secretary of The National League in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Fjola Johnson of Winnipeg visited at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Walter and Margaret Reykdal, and family, at 10820-129th Ave. Mr. Reykdal has been stationed in Edmonton with the army at Griesbach for some time.

Prof. and Mrs. Barney Stephanson and family are anticipating another assignment away from Edmonton. Home only a year from a stay in Trinidad, Prof. Stephanson has been invited to act as head of the department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. This will be a two-year assignment, and the family plans on leaving, by way of Amsterdam and Rome, by air sometime in September. We understand the climate is tropical, in the rain forest area, and with two rainy seasons a year produces much teak and mahogany hardwood. Three of their children will choose to remain in Canada, to further their University studies. Miss Anne Stephanson has been stationed at the Lacombe Rural Mission field for the United Church of Canada. She holds two services each Sunday, spends a busy week in visiting the families of her two church charges, and directs the High C's in their activities, in all a very busy schedule.

Mr. Victor Janssen, with the A.R.D.A. in Alberta was commissioned to journey to southern Alberta to gather data and human potential of the Indians of the south areas of the province. He was away a week.

Alberta has been tragically scarred by 404 forest fires in the valuable timber stands and farming settlements, the most serious being over the Victoria Day week-end. The shuddering fear that must have been in the hearts of the home owners in the path of the flames was the sad experience of the O. V. Gislason family of Deep Creek, near Athabasca. A quarter section was completely burnt, pasture, useful trees, and productive soil. As the flames driven by a high wind jumped from tree top to tree top, directly towards the beautiful new home so recently completed, the telephone wires became useless, and through the sympathetic efforts of a neighbor who saw the smoke, the entire neighborhood was alerted and the fire diverted. Though the loss will be felt for some time, it brought a great deal of comfort to know of the unselfish and willing help which came in time of need.

Mr. Earl Valgardson has accepted employment north of Whitehorse in the Yukon, for the summer, being actively engaged in the building of bridges, etc.

Mrs. G. O. Gislason, who has been in failing health for some time is a patient in the General Hospital. Her sister, Mrs. Anna Bentley, of Seattle, Wash. arrived with her husband, to visit, and two brothers, Ingram, of Pigeon Lake, and Stanley Crawford of Calling Lake were also called to her bedside. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bentley are the guests

of Mr. and Mrs. Don. Cameron during their stay in Edmonton.

The Executive of the Nordurljos Chapter, Icelandic Society met at the Riviera Motel for their regular monthly meeting. Plans were laid for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd. Sigurgeirson, of Reykjavik, whose itinerary includes visits to Winnipeg, Edmonton, Markerville, Banff, Kamloops, Vancouver, Los Angeles and New York.

The honored guests from Iceland will arrive in Edmonton on Tuesday, August 13, remaining until the morning of Thursday, Aug. 15th, when a stop-over will be made in Markerville, where the party will pay their respects of the memory of Stephan G. Stephansson. Their journey then continues westward with a stay in Banff National Park.

Once again the weatherman favored the farmer by bringing much-needed rain for the crops on the afternoon of the annual picnic. While disappointment was understandable, all agree the rain was most welcome and we accepted the inevitable postponement with good grace.

Prior to their departure from Winnipeg, by air, the many friends of Mrs. Alex. Mitchell, and Mrs. Jo. Couves gathered at the Sumarladason home to bid them Bon Voyage. Their tour will begin on June 30th, when two planes travel to Iceland for a months duration. The trip takes them to New York where they board a Loftleidir Airlines for the charter flight. We look forward to their accounts of the holiday, and wish them happy landings!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chmelyk are making their home in Red Deer where Larry has been appointed manager of Firestone at that point. Their pleasure in the promotion was marred by a disastrous accident with a power mower, when he fell and suffered the loss of his toes before neighbors rushed him to emergency. Their wee daughter, Kim, suffering from an allergy was also in the General Hospital, when an uninvited mumps "bug" made her very uncomfortable. However, it is good to report that all are on the mend and looking forward to their new home.

Dr. and Mrs. Drummond of Calgary, and family have returned from Toronto, by air after spending an enjoyable holiday at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Steele, and with the doctor's mother, Mrs. Drummond, visiting from Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lenihan and small son, Dean, from Montreal are visiting at the home of Marina's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Marina Kristjanson. Bill is currently doing graduate work at McGill University in mathematics.

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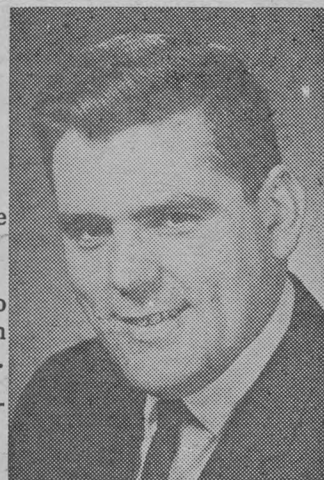
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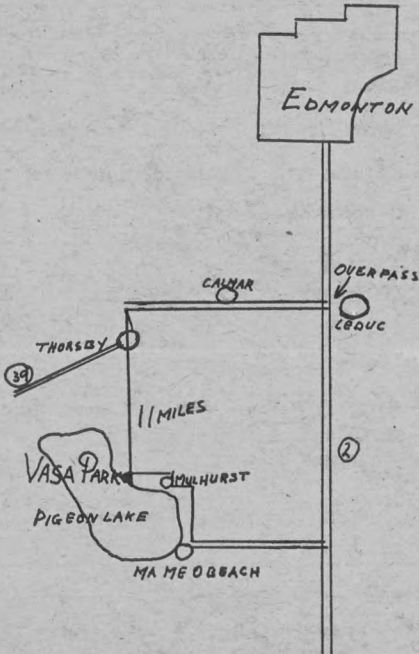
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**VASA LODGE SKANDIA**

The June meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was opened by Chairman Peter Johnson at 7:30 p.m. in the Club House at Vasa Park. A good crowd was on hand for the first meeting of the summer at the Lake.

Members reported sick included: Peter Johnson, Earl Erickson, Alof Lindon, Grace Maxwell, Helga Johnson, and Rene Hokanson.

The Land Committee reported that two lots have been turned back to the lodge, lot four in the second row, and lot nine in the third row. Next year, the tax notices will show the assessment of the property and the mill rate.

Many thanks to John Ogren for the Shuffle Board Table which he built and donated to the Club House. It is almost as popular as the tennis court.

Thanks also to Eric Pierre for the much needed long tables and cash table, also a donation.

Svea Erickson has donated one of her beautiful hand woven rugs which will grace one of the walls of the Club House. Thank-you, Svea!

The Bingo evening, after the May meeting, proved a profit this year and was enjoyed by all who attended, especially the winners. Thanks to Don and Evelyn Johnson for hosting the evening.

The dance and pot-luck supper held during the Seminar at Vasa Park, May 18, was well attended and enjoyed. It also was a financial success. The committee of Don and Evelyn Johnson, Martha Kay, and Peter Johnson are to be commended on their efforts.

A committee to look after the arrangements for the Scandinavian Centre Picnic to be held at Vasa Park, July 14, has been set up. Members include: Rude Sund, Larry Comin, Albert Dunlop, Emiel Johnson, Ken Banks, Linnea Lodge, Betty Pearson, Rita Pearson, and Linda Samuelson. The Land Committee will also help.

Martha Kay has resigned from her position of Assistant Secretary for health reasons. A vote of thanks was extended to her for the work she has done for the Lodge.

The pier is now in the water at Vasa Park. Thanks to Larry Comin for the donation of metal stands, and Albert Dunlop for the shiplap. The Land Committee will stand for the additional expense.

Larry Comin and Albert Dunlop volunteered to look into the possibility of having a roped off area for the children to swim and play in.

Chairman Peter Johnson installed the new officers, Carol Banks as Secretary, and Fae Johnson as Assistant Secretary.

Svea Erickson brought greetings from Valhalla Lodge in New Westminster, B.C., Oscar Carlson, and Mrs. Hokanson, both of Vancouver.

Greetings were brought from Buford by Clair Pearson. He also extended an invitation to Skandia Lodge to attend their Dance and Wiener Roast on July 12 at Willow Creek.

Thanks to Erling Winquist and Emiel Weiss for getting the name tags done. They are hanging in the Club House so please remember to use them.

Lunch was donated and served by members of the Sports Club. They also hosted the dance which followed. Music was provided by the Travellers.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Club House of Vasa Park. A Klondike Dance and Pancake Breakfast will follow, hosted by Eric and Hansine Pierre. So, dust off your Klondike finery and get an early start on Klondike Days.

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July 20, will be Hoedown night at Vasa Park. Martha and Bill Kay will be the hosts for the evening. Music will be provided by The Travellers, and refreshments will be available.

**VASA GLIMPSES**

Condolences to Irma McMasters on the loss of her mother in Frösön, Sweden, and to Svea Erickson on the loss of her brother, Eric Larsson of Örebro, Sweden.

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Mrs. Marjorie Corall of Vancouver was visiting with her parents Magnus and Betty Pearson in May.

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Svea Erickson spent ten days in Vancouver recently.

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Congratulations to those who walked in the Oxfam March for Millions. Of special note are Sheldon Heeks, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heeks who completed the walk, and Janine Sund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rude Sund who walked seventeen miles. Lennart Petersson was also out there walking, and he finished too!

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Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ogren were out to Williams Lake, B.C. visiting their son and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson were up from Vernon to attend the graduation of their son, Glen.

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Eric Pierre retired in May, after 39 years of service with Canadian National Railways.

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Ingrid Johnson of Winnipeg spent April and May visiting with her sons and families, Don and Evelyn, Sid and Pat of Edmonton, and Sig and Alice of Minburn.

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Paul Karvanon and Esko Salo were out at Vasa Park recently, seeing what facilities were available for the Scandinavian Centre Picnic on July 14. At midnight Paul reported that the Lake was "great" for swimming, but unfortunately no Sauna bath could be found before his dip.

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The Strawberry Tea held June 9, at Vasa Park was a success. Even the weather was good. Hansine Pierre and Linnea Lodge wish to thank all who helped in the kitchen.

**Picnic at Pigeon Lake  
Huge Success**

The lunch and picnic held June 2 at Vasa Park were a resounding success. After a showery morning, the sun broke through the clouds and smiled on all for the remainder of the day.

The Pit Barbecue was very successful with more than two hundred people being fed on elk, moose and beef, plus trimmings. Those of us who were dubious about roasting meat in a hole are now convinced that it can be done, and deliciously too. Thanks to Charlie Rautio, Elsie Comin and their staff of workers for such a lovely lunch.

The races started at 1:30 p.m. and unique in that an obstacle course had been laid out for the participants. It was very amusing to watch, particularly the children under five. Each racer received a prize, so everyone came home a winner. While the races were in progress so was a horseshoe tournament.

Following the races, the ladies tested their strength by heaving rolling pins and pounding nails. We city slickers were outdone by our country cousins as both events were won by country girls.

However, the men came through in the tug-of-war by out pulling the country lads in two straight tugs. The skunk is back where he belongs!

The baseball was very exciting too. Skandia trounced Buford 4 to 0.

All in all, it was a highly successful day, and our thanks to Rude Sund for organizing it. Already we are hearing the familiar word "wait 'til next year."

**Western Delegates  
Attend Seminar at Vasa  
Park**

The Seminar held at Vasa Park, May 18 and 19 was a tremendous success. Among the forty-six people who registered to take part were: Grand Lodge Deputy Margaret Eliasson from Vernon, District Master Floyd Modin from Calgary, Vice District Master Bud Belle from Lethbridge, District Secretary Bert Johnson from Calgary, District Treasurer Glen Eliasson, and members of the District Lodge Executive Board John Holmlund, Peter Johnson, and Violet Swanson. Guest speaker was Richard Stonehawker from Lethbridge.

All the delegates agreed that the meetings were very interesting and informative. It was hoped that some of the findings could be implemented into the Lodge workings.

**Charged Two Years For Fraud**

Ole Aarsteinsen, 35, was sentenced to two years imprisonment for fraud in Alberta Supreme Court.

The sentence will run concurrent with a two-year sentence he received March 7 for 22 similar offences.

Aarsteinsen took more than \$9,000 from Albertans, saying he would arrange a charter flight to Scan-

dinavian countries for them.

But the flight did not take place and Aarsteinsen kept sums ranging from \$150 to \$800 from the would-be travellers.

Aarsteinsen, who pleaded guilty to all the charges, took the money between July, 1965, and January, 1967.



# DANIA DOINGS



"Dania Doing" yes, there is not much doing at the presnt, but we do have a big Klondike Dance on July 19th, and hope to see you all come out that night to enjoy yourself, bring your friends with you and don't forget your Klondike finery.

Many of our members and friends are expecting visitors from Denmark this summer and we hope you will bring them around to the Scandinavian Centre or to any events, that "DANIA" may have during their stay here.

This is also the month where many of you are taking the trip to the Scandinavian countries and we wish you all a very nice holiday and hope we will hear from you when you get back. Think about writing to this paper and let us all in on your good time over there. Happy Holiday to all.

## NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

During Pastor Filtenborg's trip to Denmark from July 9 to October 5, the services will be held by visiting pastors or by a member of the church board, Kris Kristensen. If you want baptismal during the summer please contact pastor C. Staal Nielsen, 1503 - 21A St., N.W., Calgary. Phone 289-7230, or the president of the church, Jack Petersen, phone: 599-3032. In case of weddings or burials contact Rev. L. Linquist at Augustana Lutheran Church or, if it shall be in Danish, Rev. Staal Nielsen, or Jack Petersen. Most of the services will be in the evenings at 8 p.m. but better check in advance what time it will be and if it will be in Danish or in English.

We wish you all a good and happy summertime.

## SUMMER CAMP 1968 AT SYLVAN LAKE

It is a pleasure again this year to invite children age 6 - 14 both from Edmonton and Calgary to join us at summercamp at Sylvan Lake, west of Red Deer. Last year the two Danish congregations had their first camp together and it succeeded very well. About 50 children enjoyed the camp activities. We hope most of them will be coming again this year bringing along their friends.

The camp will be directed by pastor Staal Nielsen, Calgary, and a good, voluntary staff from Edmonton and Calgary will take care of activities, kitchen, etc.

The fee will be 15.50 dollars, included 50 cents for candy. This fee is kept as low as possible to give all children a chance to come, thanks to those who are giving food donations.

The Lutheran Bible Camp at Sylvan Lake is situated at a very beautiful spot. There will be swimming in supervised areas, games, exercises, Biblehours and campfire. We are sure it will be a great pleasure

for everyone. We have room for about 80 children, 40 from each congregation.

Enrollment slips may be send to Mrs. Nanna Knudsen, 4908 - 115 Str. Edmonton (Phone 434-6883) or to pastor Staal Nielsen, 1503 - 21A Str. N.W. Calgary 42 (Phone 289-7230 at latest August 1st. Further information will be mailed when we receive the enrollment slips - or can be obtained by phoning one of named numbers. Cheques should be addressed: Danish Summer Camp Fund.

Saturday the 24th at 2 - 8 p.m. a Danish Folk-meeting will be arranged. Everybody is welcome, and we expect parents to fetch their children this Saturday night.

On behalf of the camp staff,  
Pastor O. Filtenborg,  
Nanna Knudsen,  
Pastor Staal Nielsen.

Sponsored by the Danish congregations in Edmonton and Calgary. - August 17th- 24th 1968.

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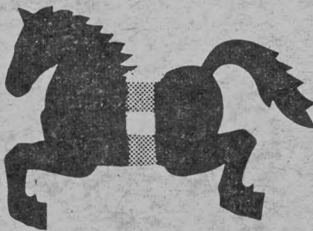
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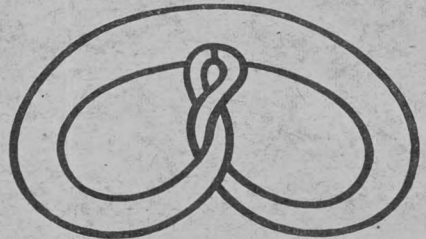
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## COMING EVENTS

July 20 — Klondike Dance

Norway's Independence Day was celebrated at the Centre on Friday, May 17 with a near record turnout of 300 who enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord supplied by Jiffy Catering. The head table included: Solglyt President, Joe Lineham and Mrs. Lineham, Hon. Mr. Ruste and Mrs. Ruste representing the Alberta Govt., Alderman Neil Crawford and Mrs. Crawford for the City of Edmonton, Fourth District President Knut Svidal and Mrs. Svidal, Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen and Mrs. Johannessen, Mrs. Karvonen, Scandinavian Centre President and Mrs. Karvonen, Stan Hafso, Solglyt Social Director and Mrs. Halso and Mr. Selmer Hafso of Viking who was guest speaker for the evening.

The balance of the evening was spent dancing to the music of Carl Elgestrand's Orchestra.

The Fourth District Convention is being held in Great Falls, Montana and at the time of going to press it will be in progress. Delegates and visitors as well as the Drill Team are attending from Edmonton. More details on this will be given in the next issue of the Centre News.

A bingo was held in conjunction with Young Peoples night on Sat. May 25. The turnout was not as large as hoped for, however, those present spent an enjoyable evening of bingo.

We are pleased to report Carl Elgestrand is recuperating nicely after undergoing surgery at the Misericordia Hospital.

Sonja McBride has been selected as Queen of Solglyt Lodge for the coming year. Congratulations, Sonja.

Mrs. Betty Travis has resigned as Solglyt News Correspondent and we are presently seeking someone to take over this duty, which was so capably handled by Betty. No doubt there are news items omitted from this issue which will be covered in the next issue.

Mrs. Arne Johannessen went by plane to Italy where she will join her mother for a month's holiday.

## ICELANDIC FESTIVAL

Principal speakers have been announced and the Maid of the Mountains chosen for the 79th annual Icelandic celebration (Islendingadagurinn) at Gimli which this year was renamed the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba which opens on the evening of Sunday Aug. 4 and continues all day Monday, Aug. 5.

The toast to Canada will be by Hon. Sterling Lyon, attorney-general of Manitoba, and the toast to Iceland by Sigurour Sigurgeirsson, senior officer of the Fisheries Bank of Iceland.

The Maid of the Mountains (Fjallkonan) will be Miss Sigríður Hjartarson, matron of Betel, home for the elderly at Gimli. Her princesses will be named later.

The three will speak during the formal ceremonies Monday afternoon. All events will be staged in Cimli park.

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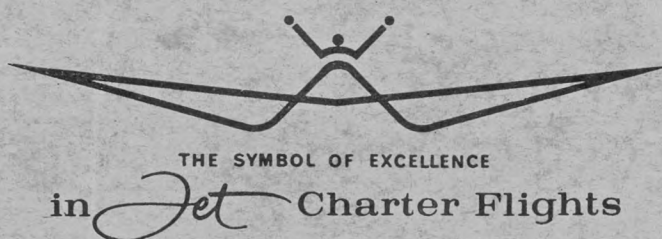
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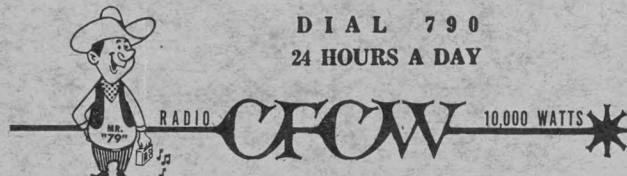


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